



ALIAMANU/ SALT LAKE/ FOSTER VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 18

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006 ALIAMANU MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Grant Tanimoto called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with 7 members present. He explained the normal Board procedures of moving to the presentations at 7:30 p.m. and trying to adjourn by 9:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Grant Tanimoto, Len Pepper, Larry Baird, Minnie Brazell, Lorene Godfrey, Richard Larson and David Yomes.

MEMBERS ABSENT: L. Leilani Mills and Mark Taylor.

GUESTS: Michelle R. Hill (Governor Linda Lingle's representative, Deputy Director, Department of Health), Cherry Torres (Senator Norman Sakamoto's Office staff), Representative Lynn Finnegan, Representative Glen Wakai, Dana Takahara-Dias (Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative, Deputy Director, Department of Parks and Recreation), Hiroko Nakamura (Councilmember Romy Cachola's Office staff), Acting Lt. John Vines, (Honolulu Police Department- Kalihi); Lt. Keith Lima (Honolulu Police Department- Pearl City), Capt. John Drake (Honolulu Fire Department), Thomas J. Strout (Board of Water Supply), Abe Pachel, Ann Russell, Howard Shima, Gary Omore, Pat Lee, Lynda and Janet Takamoto, Emil Klimpl, Artiro Williams, Suzette Adversalo, Jessica Harris (Radio Control Association), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2005 MINUTES- There were no corrections to the November 10, 2005 minutes. The minutes of the November 10, 2005 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Chair Tanimoto read the Treasurer's report as follows: \$1,198.26 remaining in the Operating budget, \$2,227.00 remaining in the Publicity budget and \$120.00 remaining in the Refreshments budget. The Treasurer's report was accepted as reported, subject to audit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

1. Chair Tanimoto mentioned that the Board usually takes a recess in December. However, the Board had a Special meeting in December to discuss mass transit. It passed a resolution concerning the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project that it should be routed across Salt Lake Boulevard and directly service the communities of Aliamanu Military Reservation, Aliamanu and Salt Lake. This resolution would be presented to the Department of Transportation's "scoping" meeting on December 13.
2. Chair Tanimoto mentioned that Scott Ishikawa, State Department of Transportation (DOT) e-mailed an update on Puuloa Road project on 1/10/06. Chair Tanimoto read-

"The contractor is in the process of constructing the Phase 1 (Ewa side) portion of the roadway that includes the new road, the parking lot, utilities and drainage facilities. We have encountered conflicts among various utility lines. In resolving one of these conflicts, the installation of the new gas line had to be shifted to an earlier construction timetable than originally planned. At this time, the contractor and the Gas Co. are in the process of installing the last portion of the new gas line at the Salt Lake Boulevard/Puuloa Road/Puuloa Street intersection. In addition, the contractor is excavating for the new roadway and installing the new drainage facilities.

When I have time, we'll take some construction photos to send over to you for the Neighborhood Board."

3. Mayor's representative Dana Takahara-Dias had e-mailed the plans for the Salt Lake Boulevard beautification project. Chair Tanimoto thanked her for the e-mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:



Community Relations- Committee Chair Minnie Brazell mentioned that she still requesting newsletter articles and materials.

Planning and Zoning- Committee Chair Richard Larson had no report.

Traffic and Transportation- Committee Chair Larry Baird had no report.

Parks- Committee Chair Lorene Godfrey had no report.

Environment- No report was given at this time.

Education- No report was given at this time.

Public Safety- Committee Chair David Yomes

Social Services- Committee Chair Pepper had no report.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)- Acting Lt. John Vines, Kalihi Station, distributed a written report and highlighted the following:

The monthly statistics for December 2005 for Kalihi-District 5 were 83 arguments, 14 assaults, 9 burglaries, 3 drugs/narcotics cases, 6 DUI, 8 family offenses, 4 harassments, 0 liquor law, 35 miscellaneous public cases, 153 miscellaneous service calls, 26 motor vehicle thefts, 94 motor vehicle collisions, 29 nuisance complaints, 119 parking violations, 13 property damage cases, 2 robberies, 6 sex offense, 61 suspicious circumstances, 62 thefts, 29 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV) and 36 towed vehicles for a total of 792 offenses for district beats 550, 551, 552 and 554.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. When Chair Tanimoto asked if there were any trends, Acting Lt. Vines mentioned that there were a lot of thefts from motor vehicles in Salt Lake.
2. When Board member Godfrey asked if the motor vehicle collisions were multiplying because of the Puuloa construction, Acting Lt. John Vines replied that he did not have a breakdown of the location of the accidents.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Acting Lt. John Vines.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD)(continued)- Lt. Keith Lima, Pearl City Station, distributed his report and highlighted the following:

1. The monthly statistics for November and December 2005 for Beat 384 (Foster Village Neighborhood Security Watch) were 3/1 abuse, 20/17 alarm calls, 22/34 arguments, 4/3 assaults, 9/5 auto thefts, 11/7 auto theft recoveries, 4/7 burglaries, 7/5 criminal property damage cases, 54/54 dropped 9-1-1 calls, 12/9 miscellaneous public cases, 55/56 miscellaneous service calls, 12/31 noise complaints, 17/32 nuisances/disorderly calls, 31/26 parking violations, 0/1 robbery, 39/39 suspicious circumstances, 9/11 thefts, and 2/3 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). For November/December 2005 there were 901 calls for Beat 384 (Foster Village) or (5.72 %) of the 15,744 calls for District 3 (Kunia/Pearl City/Foster Village).

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. When Board member Baird asked about reporting roosters at 3:00 a.m., Lt. Lima suggested calling 9-1-1 with noise complaint. It is a violation to have more than two roosters per household.

On a related issue, the last time the issue of banning roosters in residential areas came before the City Council, the HPD did not take a position. Lt. Lima suggested writing a letter to Honolulu Police Chief Boisse Correa and asking support for the bill.

2. Resident Jessica Harris asked if the HPD or the Board had received any complaints concerning radio-controlled vehicles. Lt. Lima was not aware of any complaints. Only if it were on public property, then it might be a public safety issue.
3. As this is a new year, Board member David Yomes suggested some new ideas. "Do away with statistics during presentations. Police, Fire, BWS and other agencies always provide statistical numbers for the prior month. This is not only boring to listen to, but it is also cumbersome and time-consuming for these agencies to provide. I feel that the community wants to hear the highlights for the month. They want to hear about the crimes in their neighborhood, the fires in the community, water main breaks, "newsworthy incidents", not numbers. Give us the details of these incidents, community-involvement projects and other events. This is what interests people, not numbers, they want to hear the facts. A number of Neighborhood Boards have already put a stop to these statistical numbers presentations provided by the different agencies." Lt. Lima mentioned that giving numbers for three months in a row would show trends. He gives a similar report to four neighborhood boards and he agrees with Board member Yomes and would have no problem with the new format. Acting Lt. Vines mentioned that if a crime is under investigation, the public would not get much more than what is in the news media. He would report the crime trends. The statistics are a source of information for comparisons. Board member Yomes mentioned that the majority of the cases are not reported in the news. Acting Lt. Vines agreed with him.
4. Resident Harris asked about the community "ride along" program and suggested that a Board member participate and report back to the Board.
5. Vice Chair Pepper requested the same information given to the Neighborhood Watch program, where the major crimes are broken down by category and the dates and locations are given.

Regarding a home invasion in the Salt-Lake Aliamanu area in November, Acting Lt. Vines did not have any information at this time.

6. For the Kalihi station, Acting Lt. Vines mentioned that Lt. Gordon Costa and Lt. Lester Hite would have that kind of information and could report it.
7. Resident and former Board member Howard Shima mentioned that there three home invasions at that time, around October. The victims were beat up. Was anyone caught? One victim was Ken Tong on Ala Aolani. Acting Lt. Vines would follow up. Board member Yomes added that this is the kind of report the community wants to hear.
8. When Board member Larson asked how to sign up for the "ride along" program, Acting Lt. Vines mentioned that he could go downtown to the Community Relations section or get the forms on-line at the HPD website-. After applying, the HPD would do a background check.
9. The Aliamanu Military Reservation still falls under the Kalihi District.
10. Board member Yomes mentioned that there is an abandoned vehicle with no license plates at Wanaka Street and Puuku Makai Drive. It is a Nissan 2-door, primer colored car. It is parked in a red "tow away" zone for a bus stop. The vehicle has not moved for several months. Reportedly, the owner lives at 3656 Puuku Makai Drive.
11. Vice Chair Pepper suggested if anyone is interested in getting more funding for the HPD to contact Councilmember Romy Cachola's office. Hiroko Nakamura from Councilmember Cachola's Office clarified the funding, starting in July 2006.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Acting Lt. Vines and Lt. Lima.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)- Capt. John Drake, Moanalua and Mokulele stations, distributed the monthly statistics and highlighted the following:

1. Statistics for December 2005 included 2 structure, 2 brush, 7 rubbish and 8 vehicle fires, for a total of 19 fires. There were 32 medical emergencies, 1 search and rescue, and 12 miscellaneous service calls, for a total of 35 emergency calls. There were 54 calls for service, total.
2. Fire Safety Tip: Fire, building, and U.S. Postal Codes along with City ordinances, state that all property owners shall place their house numbers in such a manner as to be readily seen from the street. Having your address plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting your property will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other "first responders" to locate you more quickly in the event of an emergency.
3. Capt. Drake added that HFD went to Makaha and Makakilo to help with brush fires.

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. When Board member Yomes asked about the structure fires, Capt. Drake replied that there were two structure fires in the kitchen. Board member Yomes requested for the HFD, like the HPD, to report more details, rather than just the statistics. Capt. Drake related an automobile accident, where the woman was asking, "Where's my baby?" After looking for the baby for a long time, HFD found out the baby was at the uncle's house in Kalihi.
2. Vice Chair Pepper commented that the fire tip about the address numbers was very good. He has seen neighbors in the streets, signaling to the HFD.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Capt. Drake.

Residents' Concerns- (7:37 p.m.)

1. Resident Howard Shima expressed his concern about an island at the on ramp to the H-1 freeway. Chair Tanimoto would call Scott Ishikawa, State Department of Transportation (DOT).
2. Vice Chair Pepper added that Chair Tanimoto could tell Scott Ishikawa about the over-grown grass every winter.
3. A resident asked about the speed limit for Salt Lake Boulevard. Per the Mayor's representative Takahara-Dias, the posted speed limit for Salt Lake Boulevard, between Puuloa Road and Ala Napunani is 25 mph. Between Ala Napunani and Arizona Road, the posted speed limit for Salt Lake Boulevard is 35 mph. The speed limit for Salt Lake Boulevard between Arizona Road and Kamehameha Highway is 25 mph.

PRESENTATIONS: DISCUSSION/ACTION- (7:40 p.m.)

Legislative Preview- Representative Glen Wakai reported that the residents on Ala Laulani Street had a community meeting last November and about 60 people attended. They, with residents on Ala Kapua want to start a Neighborhood Watch. At Salt Lake Elementary School there was a Goodwill bin that was overflowing. He talked with Principal Abe to remove the bin and to move the recycling bin to another location. Last year, he was able to get \$400,000 for the clean up of the Salt Lake waterway. He has written a letter to the Governor requesting her to release the money. Last year, he introduced a bill to give a tax break for retrofitting sprinklers in high-rise buildings, five percent per year for the next five years. Board member Richard Larson suggested for condo associations, too. He mentioned the \$570 million surplus in the State budget. Representative Wakai handed out the news release from the House and Senate Majority Leaders. They will focus on Public Education, Economic development, Housing and Energy.

Representative Lynn Finnegan apologized for not attending for a while. Her office manager did not see the November meeting notice that the meeting was moved to the Salt Lake District Park and waited in the parking lot. She just returned from the Governor's trip to the Philippines. Concerning the nursing shortage in Hawaii, the nurses from the Philippines have a hard time passing the State Nursing exam. Hawaii can partner with the Philippines to co-ordinate the curriculum. She is working on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) requests and on the rehiring of retired teachers.

The Minority Caucus will focus on taxes, "ice," housing, identity fraud, tort reform, long term care, "smart money" for education, giving the DOE flexibility in spending money. Concerning tort reform, the State's liability is too liberal with the taxpayers' money.

Questions, answers followed.

1. Vice Chair Pepper asked Representative Wakai about "criminalizing" minors for smoking. While minors are not allowed to purchase tobacco products, it is legal to smoke them. Representative Wakai wants to introduce a bill for HPD to give a citation and the penalty would be community service with the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. He worked with students from Moanalua High School's "Project Citizen" to show them the legislative process. Hawaii is not set up for "smoking cessation classes" or counseling right now. Representative Finnegan also commended "Project Citizen."
2. The Minority Caucus want to introduce an energy independence package, not "gas cap" to get Hawaii away from oil dependence.
3. When resident Shima mentioned an article in the *Honolulu Advertiser*, which was critical of the Governor's personal agenda in the Philippines. Representative Finnegan mentioned that she would follow up on it. She added that the Democratic-control of the Legislature has made it difficult for her to put forward her agenda.
4. Representative Finnegan would follow up on the irradiation facility proposed near the airport.
5. When Vice Chair Pepper asked about the school-community councils, Representative Finnegan mentioned that not every school-community council (SCC) is successful, but the SCC at Radford High School with Principal Stevens was working.

Board of Water Supply (BWS)- (8:15 p.m.) Tom Strout reported the following:

1. From the November meeting, Vice Chair Pepper asked, pertaining to the golf courses, how would they get a direct draw of potable water. BWS had no say. Commission on Water Resource Management under the State Department of Land and Natural Resources made the decision, which allows them to drill for water.
3. There were no main breaks for December.
4. GENERAL WATER ANNOUNCEMENTS: On January 3rd, Clifford P. Lum began his appointment as the new Manager and Chief Engineer of the Board of Water Supply. As the eighth manager and chief engineer of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS), Mr. Lum is responsible for providing the overall strategic direction and management of the BWS.

Mr. Lum is a registered civil engineer in both Hawaii and California. He was born in Honolulu, raised in Hilo, and holds both a bachelor and master's degrees in Civil Engineering from Loyola Marymount University.

In his previous employment as President and Principal-In-Charge at The Limtiaco Consulting Group, Inc. (TLCG), Mr. Lum managed the affairs of the multi-million dollar civil engineering and environmental consultancy. After the sudden passing of mentor and company namesake Felix Limtiaco in 2001, he led the development of strategic business strategies to position TLCG as an innovative, client-focused, and solutions oriented company. Under Mr. Lum's leadership, TLCG grew from a firm of six to more than eleven employees with more than 20 private and public sector clients. TLCG was named one of "Hawaii's Fastest 50" growing companies in 2002 and again in 2005 by the Pacific Business News.

Water Savings Tip: Limiting your shower time to five minutes, and replacing your old showerhead with a water saving one can save up to 20 gallons of water per shower!

Comments followed.

Vice Chair Pepper commented that by allowing the golf courses to drill, they might hit the island's water supply.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Mr. Strout for his report.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's representative- Dana Takahara-Dias distributed the Mayor's newsletter and reported the following:

1. Vice Chair Pepper requested if HFD could coordinate with DTS in order to get the opticoms turned on particularly on Salt Lake Boulevard.

The Department of Transportation Services will work with the Honolulu Fire Department and EMS on the activation of the opticom system on Salt Lake Boulevard.

2. Chair Tanimoto asked the Mayor's representative to look into graffiti paint-out on problem areas in the Aliamanu/Salt Lake/Foster Village Neighborhood. They are requesting paint from DFM.

Grffiti is a citywide problem affecting many of our neighborhoods. We request that specific locations be provided so that Road division can schedule the graffiti to be painted over please call the City's 24-hour graffiti hotline @ 527-5180

Road division will provide paint to volunteer groups. We do request that the groups obtain permission through the City's adopt-a-block program. To become involved in the City's adopt-a-block please call 692-5656 (normal business hours).

3. The Board would like ENV to consider using their additional resources for a combined method approach for bulky item pick up as opposed to a second or third pick up per month in order to eliminate the build-up of bulky items in any given neighborhood. The first part would consist of the regular monthly circuit pick-up. The second pick up would consist of a more direct, as needed response similar to a 'SWAT-team' approach.

The Refuse Division has evaluated the 'SWAT-team' approach, responding to calls for service in addition to the once-per-month scheduled pick up and in lieu of the second unscheduled pick up and cannot provide this service with its present manpower and equipment.

4. The Board would like to work with the NCO and the Mayor's rep to ensure solicited input from the members is included in letters ENV is sending to the Salt Lake-Aliamanu community as an outreach effort to educate the community on bulky item pick up.

David Shiraishi to follow up with providing Dana Takahara-Dias the sample draft letter.

We have given a sample draft letter to Ms. Takahara-Dias.

5. Foster Village residents would like a follow up on the instructional DVD on maneuvering in a roundabout. The Board reported it was never received.

"All About Roundabouts" can also be read on DTS website: <http://www.honolulu.gov/dt/index.htm>

UPDATE: Nine DVD's were sent via inter-office mail to the Neighborhood Board Commission, City Hall Room 400.

6. The Board reported the debris from weed whacking weeds on Salt Lake Boulevard mauka side of the street was not picked up.

The area mauka of Radford High School and the DH end from the shopping center to Puuloa Road is maintained by a contractor under DPR management and the contractor has been directed to pick up any debris there. (Please also be aware there are some areas along Salt Lake Boulevard that are not under DPR jurisdiction, and the comment from the Board did not specify the exact location of the debris, so we cannot be certain that the debris was within the area maintained by our contractor.)

7. An area resident reported a low-hanging tree on 1010 Wanaka Street and requested DFM inspect and trim the low-lying branches as needed.

"DPR defers the item to DPP, Residential Housing Code Enforcement Branch. DPR Acting Arborist, James Toyama inspected the tree. His findings concluded that the overgrown Banyan tree grows within private property but overhangs the city sidewalk area. Maintenance responsibility lies with the private property owner."

8. Board would like clarification on speed limit on Salt Lake Blvd.

The posted speed limit for Salt Lake Boulevard, between Puuloa Road and Ala Napunani is 25 mph. Between Ala Napunani and Arizona Road, the posted speed limit for Salt Lake Boulevard is 35 mph. The speed limit for Salt Lake Boulevard between Arizona Road and Kamehameha Highway is 25 mph.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Cruz at 523-4478

9. Comment by Board member stating that re-paving on Ala Ilima did not solve the problem.

Ala Ilima was not repaved.

A thin asphalt overlay (less than 1 inch) was placed to temporarily provide a smoother riding surface for the traveling public until such time as a CIP project could reconstruct failed areas, mill the surface pavement and resurface the road by contract.

10. Follow up from DTS on the 4-way stop sign study at the intersection of Ala Napunani and Ala Poha. The findings of the study were due November 1.

We have completed our multi-way stop study for the intersection of Ala Napunani and Ala Poha Place. Our investigation, which included a review of the area's accident history and a traffic volume analysis, found that an all-way stop is not justified at this time. Our guidelines specify that multi-way stops should only be installed at intersections where traffic volumes of the intersecting streets are approximately equal. In this instance, our traffic volume counts found that the traffic volumes along Ala Napunani were approximately five times that of Ala Poha Place. We will continue to monitor the area and make changes if necessary. Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Cruz at 523-4478.

11. Board Chair Grant Tanimoto requested information on the status of handicapped ramps. He will give me more information next week.

11/30/05 - Question: Handicap ramps on the sidewalk have been installed along Ala Ilima. Condominium Manager, Richard Larson of Century West at 3161 Ala Ilima wonders why there are no ramps at the 2 crosswalks at his building location.

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) does have a project to install handicap ramps on Ala Ilima. Installation of ramps will be on Ala Ilima at Ala Maile, Ala Nanala and Ala Melia (3 intersections adjacent to Century West) within the next couple of months

Questions, answers and comments followed.

1. Board member David Yomes mentioned that the removal of the two mid-block bus stops on Aliamanu Street was to be done in December. It hasn't been done yet.
2. The contractor has still not replaced the "Maluna Street" sign on Salt Lake Boulevard.
3. Board member Larson, the resident manager for the Century West at 3161 Ala Ilima, mentioned that the ramps are going in.
4. The Board received the instructional DVD on maneuvering in a roundabout. The Board was informed that the reproduction of the DVD was cheap and would like Foster Village residents to get the DVD, as many

people do not have home computers to visit the website. Tom Strout mentioned that he saw a whole stack of them at a Moanalua High School function.

5. Resident Shima introduced Linda and Janet Takamoto, who volunteered for the Graffiti Task Force. He suggested that the City donate the matching paint. The Board accepts Linda and Janet Takamoto as members of the Graffiti Task Force.
6. Vice Chair Pepper thanked Mayor's representative Takahara-Dias for following up on the various Board concerns and requested that the speed limit be changed from 25 to 35 to 25 mph on Salt Lake Boulevard to all 35 mph. He also requested a "speed indicator" to show motorists their speed.

The Chair thanked Takahara-Dias for attending the meeting.

(8:40 p.m.) Gary Omori with Pat Lee represents the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project. They will be visiting the various Neighborhood Boards to give updates on the "locally-preferred alternative." They had two "scoping" meetings in December. The website is at www.honolulutransit.org, where they have 523 "public input" postings on website. The City Council would make the selection.

Councilmember Romy Cachola- (8:45 p.m.) Hiroko Nakamura distributed Councilmember Cachola's newsletter and highlighted the following:

1. Councilmember Cachola submitted a request from the Board's July 2005 meeting concerning the dangerous curves near 4519 Likini Street. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) noted that there are adequate speed limit signs posted, but will have the Department of Facility Maintenance install "dangerous curves" warning signs with 15 miles per hour advisory plates.
2. According to James Burke in the Public Transit Division of DTS, the results of the modified Bus Route 11 have been successful. Certain areas now have all-day service.
3. On the bottom of page 3, there were reminders about prohibited parking areas.

There were no questions.

Governor Linda Lingle's representative- Michelle Hill, Deputy Director, Department of Health, apologized for missing many meetings, but she broke her ankle and has a medical excuse. She distributed the Governor's weekly update and reported the following.

1. Adding to Representative Finnegan's comments on Governor Lingle's trip to the Philippines, Hill mentioned that Kaiser Medical Center donated supplies.
2. Also, concerning the Governor's energy package for the Legislature, Hill distributed information on fuel from ethanol.
3. On p.28 of "Celebrating the 1000th Day of the (Lingle-Aiona) Administration", it mentioned Hill's accomplishments in "enhancing adult mental health services".
4. She also had some homeless resources.
5. Following up on Vice Chair Pepper's earlier request for a return presentation on bird flu, they are not ready yet. However, their pandemic flu plan is available on the website- www.doh.hawaii.gov. Her phone number is 586-4416.

Senator Norman Sakamoto- (8:50 p.m.) Cherry Torres distributed Senator Sakamoto's newsletter and reported the following:

1. Senator Sakamoto went to the Philippines with Governor Lingle.
2. They are working on Education initiatives for the legislature.

There were no questions.

Chair Tanimoto thanked Torres.

NEW BUSINESS:

Restructure meetings to ensure that the meetings are concluded promptly- Board member Yomes proposed changing the order of the meeting to: 1. Emergency agencies first (HPD/HFD) 2. Community concerns 3. Other Agencies 4. Political reports 5. Presentations/Discussions, starting at 8:00 p.m. 6. Meeting adjournment.

He also had more suggestions for promoting the meetings.

Vice Chair Pepper suggested "3-minute time limit" on residents' concerns and shortened reports from government officials.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Salt Lake Beautification project- Mayor's representative Takahara-Dias mentioned that she met with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the Department of Facilities Maintenance (DFM) and the Department of Design and Construction (DDC). Before doing anything, they wanted community feedback from the Board members and residents. They will meet and discuss what to do about the dead vines, graffiti and irrigation system. Mayor's representative Takahara-Dias would work with Board member Lorene Godfrey.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: (8:58 p.m.)

1. Vice Chair Pepper suggested putting the 2006 priorities on the agenda for the next meeting. They are:
Neighborhood Board No. 18 2006 Priorities-
 1. Advocate for rapid completion of the remaining sections for Salt Lake Boulevard widening.
 2. Advocate for underground utility wiring, including support of clarification of existing financing mechanisms and development of new mechanisms, if necessary.
 3. Work with schools businesses, churches, military organizations, and individuals to increase involvement in community life.
 4. Find ways to increase community involvement in Board meetings and activities.
2. Board member Yomes suggested following-up on community concerns. When the Board hears a concern, it should get a contact number and call them after answering the concern. Tonight, Howard Shima asked about the on ramp to the H-1. Chair Tanimoto would follow up with Scott Ishikawa, State Department of Transportation (DOT).
3. Resident Shima asked about Board member L. Leilani Mills? The Graffiti Task Force is supposed to report to her. Chair Tanimoto would contact her.
4. Board member Yomes suggested an agenda item about the HPD/HFD reports with no statistics and with just the highlights.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. Aliamanu Middle School Cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT: Hearing no objections, Chair Tanimoto adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by Chair Grant Tanimoto

Chair Tanimoto suggested the following corrections to the January 12, 2006 regular meeting minutes:

Page 1, at the bottom, it should read, "Chair Tanimoto thanked her for the e-mail and was looking forward to an update."

Page 2, under **COMMITTEE REPORTS**, it should read, "**Public Safety-** Committee Chair David Yomes had no report at this time."

Page 3, 5., it should read, "Vice Chair Pepper requested that the Board be provided with the same information given to the Neighborhood Watch program, where the major crimes are broken down by category and the dates and locations are given."

Page 4, under **Legislative Preview-**, it should read, "Last year, the Legislature passed a bill appropriating \$400,000 for the clean up of the Salt Lake waterway." And, "Board member Richard Larson suggested that there may be an issue with respect to common areas in condo associations."

Page 5, under **Board of Water Supply (BWS)-**, it should read, "The Commission on Water Resource Management which is attached to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources made the decision to allow golf courses to drill for water."

Page 6, at the top, after Comments followed, it should read, "Vice Chair Pepper commented that by allowing the golf courses to drill, they might hit the island's water supply."